

I-894 Resurfacing

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Lincoln Avenue to 84th Street

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Mission statement:

To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning to resurface I-894 from Lincoln Avenue to 84th Street. The original freeway was built in the 1960s and the last rehabilitation project took place in 2003. The pavement in this area has deteriorated and needs resurfacing.

Is this a full reconstruction?

No, this project is a less extensive, temporary fix. In the long term, WisDOT will study the I-894 corridor from the limits of the Mitchell Interchange project (27th Street) to the limits of the Zoo Interchange (Lincoln Ave.) to determine when underlying structures need to be replaced and, at that time, what safety improvements are appropriate. In the interim, the pavement needs resurfacing.

Can WisDOT fully rebuild I-894 now?

Why wait?

Full reconstruction of I-894 will require years of environmental study, planning and engineering design. Maintaining regional mobility and operating within fiscal limits, WisDOT cannot reconstruct the entire southeast freeway system at one time. When feasible, interim improvements are made to extend the life of the existing infrastructure.

Will this project improve congestion?

Repaving the shoulders is necessary in order to maintain three lanes of traffic in each direction during construction and for related drainage work. After construction, WisDOT is considering restriping the pavement to add a fourth lane to reduce congestion and improve the transition of traffic into and out of the Zoo Interchange.

Public meeting scheduled for July 13, 2016:

You are invited to attend a public involvement and community scoping meeting for the I-894 resurfacing project. The meeting will be an open-house format with project exhibits and materials on display.

When: July 13, 2016
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Irving Elem. School
10230 W. Grant Street
West Allis



Is a fourth lane going to happen?

WisDOT is examining the possible safety and operational improvements that could come through restriping a fourth lane. Restriping to add a fourth lane provides additional distance for vehicles merging. Additional distance for merging improves safety.

Are there other safety improvements?

Yes, safety is improved by: reducing congestion, building modern median barriers, and allowing vehicles more distance to merge.

Will traffic use I-894 during construction?

Yes, the shoulders will be paved allowing traffic to move onto them while WisDOT resurfaces the current driving lanes. There may be occasional closures for special operations or switching traffic lanes, but the goal is to keep three lanes of traffic moving during peak hours.

Does this impact other area projects?

To reduce traveler inconvenience, resurfacing lanes on I-894 is being done in conjunction with work just north of the project area in the neighboring Zoo Interchange corridor.

In the long term, adding a fourth lane to I-894 will improve area traffic flow during other impactful projects in the area. WIS 100 from Layton Avenue to I-94 will need improvements and I-894 will need reconstruction or reconditioning. During those and other local projects, a fourth lane on I-894 will be helpful for traffic management.

Will interchanges be reconstructed with this project?

No, WisDOT is resurfacing the mainline of the freeway; bridges and interchanges will not be replaced with this project. Another on-going WisDOT study, the Hale Bridges study, is examining structures within the Hale Interchange corridor.



Increasing traffic



Poor pavement condition



Crumbling shoulders



Deteriorated drainage system

Will property be acquired?

No, the current design assumes staying within the existing pavement.

What is included in the project?

The project includes an environmental document, engineering work and a public involvement process. The environmental document includes a review of noise and air quality, wetlands, traffic impacts, coordinating with agencies and assessing impacts to the surrounding area.

The storm sewers are deteriorating. The drainage system was built with the original freeway project in the 1960's. Recent inspections confirmed the need to address issues with the drainage system. At a minimum, to address the storm sewer conditions, the median and outside shoulder drainage structures (storm sewer inlets and underground piping) will need to be rehabilitated.

Are there impacts to the wetlands in the Hale Interchange?

Wetland impact will be examined. There are no known impacts due to the pavement work, but occasionally there are impacts to surrounding areas when drainage, utilities and signage get moved.

Project location map



North end
Lincoln Avenue

South end
84th Street

Anticipated project schedule

	2016		2017				2018	
	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
Public Involvement	[Yellow bar spanning Summer 2016 to Spring 2018]							
Environmental Document Process	[Yellow bar spanning Summer 2016 to Fall 2016]							
Develop plans and specifications	[Yellow bar spanning Summer 2016 to Summer 2017]							
Anticipated start of construction								[Yellow arrow pointing right in Spring 2018]

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Do you travel on I-894? We need your input!

The July public involvement meeting is an opportunity to review the project materials, talk with project staff and provide input.

Maintaining and improving traffic flow on the southeast freeway system is critical to maintaining economic vitality in the region. The freeway system works hand in hand with local roads, county highways and other modes of transportation to serve southeast Wisconsin.

Stay up to date

Project materials will be posted on the WisDOT website:

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